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HOSPITAL BENEFIT RAISES A BIG SUM

Eight Hundred Dollars, Proceeds of
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ENDOWMENT FUND BEGUN

Last Tuesday evening's performance of Donnezetti's "Lucio di Lammermoor" which was given for the benefit of the George Washington University Hospital was a decided success. \$800.00 was raised. The curtain went up before a large audience that paid high tribute to Miss Mario, a new American soprano, who sang the title role. Especially in the mad scene did she score such a triumph that the audience responded with a real ovation.

Between the acts Mr. Elmer Kayser, secretary of the University, made an appeal for an endowment for the University and read a letter from President Collier expressing his regrets that he was not able to be present. Mr. Kayser said that queries had come to him in regard to the \$25,000.00 which George Washington left to found a university in the district. He said that this sum was invested in bonds which had now become valueless due to Congress' failure to make some recommendation for their use long ago.

"The sins of the fathers are visited upon the children," said Mr. Kayser, "and we are asking you to reward the George Washington University for its one hundred years of faithful service." Friends of the University have already pledged \$27,000 toward this sum which the University is endeavoring to raise. It is hoped \$100,000 will be pledged by graduation. \$1,000 for each year of service to the community. Pledges made now are payable through December 31, 1919.

A large number of university people were present. In the right box were Dean Henning and Miss Henning, Dean and Mrs. Hodgkins, Dean and Mrs. Wilbur, and Dean and Mrs. Ruediger. Other members of the faculty and students were scattered through the audience. The members of the Board of Lady Managers of the hospital and their friends had reserved other boxes and the mezzanine seats.

Souvenir programs explaining the work of the hospital were sold.

W. U. C. TO VOTE

Election to be Held After Revised
Constitution has Been Adopted

An important business meeting of the Woman's University Club is to be held on Tuesday, May 20, at 8 o'clock in the Woman's University Club Rooms, 2027 G St., N. W. This meeting is to be especially important because the members will vote on the adoption of the revised constitution. Before this adoption an election of officers cannot be held. The president of the W. U. C. strongly urges all members to be present so that this business can be disposed of. After the meeting refreshments will be served.

The girls will please watch the bulletin board for notices in regard to the W. U. C. elections which are to be held after the revised constitution has been voted on and adopted.

COLUMBIAN WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The Columbian Women elected Mrs. T. Malcolm Price, president; Miss Florence Frisby, first vice-president; Mrs. John T. Erwin, second vice-president; Miss Anna S. Hazleton, treasurer; Miss Ruby Nevins, recording secretary; and Miss Ruth Bennett, corresponding secretary at the annual meeting for elections on Tuesday, May 13, 1919 at the home of Mrs. Walter C. Clephane.

The elections were preceded by a half hour social meeting.

DEAN MESS INITIATED BY DENTAL FRATERNITY

Psi Omega Holds Initiation at Banquet—Alumni present

At a banquet given at the Hotel Harrington, May 10, Beta Gamma Chapter of Psi Omega initiated into associate membership in the fraternity. Dr. Carl J. Mess, dean of the Dental School. The function was participated in by forty brothers, half of which number consisted of alumni. Dr. Elmer E. Briggs of Philadelphia and Dr. Bruce Taylor, dean of the Georgetown University Dental School.

Dr. C. L. Constantini performed the ceremony and also filled the office of toastmaster.

Within the last year the Dental school has witnessed many notable clinics, but never has it seen such a one as was given by Dr. Arthur Crane when, with Dr. Mess as the victim, he took an impression by the "Dining Room" method. Dr. Crane was alive to the merits and shortcomings of all the modern impression-taking systems—the Green, the Supplee, the Thench and the Hall—and in his "Dining Room" method he profited by them all.

The Dean delivered a speech, characterized by his usual earnestness and sincerity, in which he highly commended to the alumni the work of the Students' Dental Society, and offered the suggestion that the members of this society remaining in Washington after graduation might very profitably associate themselves into a form of study club similar to the Black Club.

Among the remarks called for from the alumni, Dr. Bruce Taylor's were especially noteworthy from the students' viewpoint. "Don't figure on just getting by" was the main theme of his speech.

MECHANICAL LABORATORY IS REPAIRED

The mechanical laboratory in the rear of the Arts and Sciences Buildings has been repaired and work has once more been resumed. A new roof has been put on and the damaged machinery repaired. A new concrete space has been laid around the smoke stack of the boiler, thus doing away with the possibilities of another fire as the last fire burnt out the roof.

In this laboratory, under the direction of the professors of engineering students of engineering test machinery, boilers, electric devices and so on. A test of a boiler lasting for eight hours was held last Saturday.

\$700.00 INVESTED IN VICTORY BOND

Minstrel Show Nets \$35.00—Interfraternity Association Contributes \$10.00—Amount Exceeding \$700.00 to be Invested in Saving Stamps

Seven hundred dollars was invested in Victory Bonds for George Washington University. The greater part of this amount was paid Saturday, the last day of the Loan drive, the rest to be payable Tuesday, May 20th. When all the contributions have been paid up if the amount exceeds seven hundred dollars the additional money will be put into War Savings stamps. Contributions were coming in all last week and several additional amounts were given to the fund. The Interfraternity Association contributed ten dollars. The receipts from the minstrel show Saturday night amounted to \$35.00.

These bonds are to be added to the eleven hundred dollars already purchased and in the hands of the Board of Trustees. It will not be decided immediately what is to be done with the bonds, but it is hoped that something definite will have been planned before the end of the school year.

The University did not come up to the amount set as a goal—nine hundred dollars—but under the existing conditions it is thought that the seven hundred raised is a creditable amount. The Law School, particularly the Freshman class, deserves great credit for its part in the campaign, having raised over three hundred dollars.

MAJOR-GENERAL WOOD HAS HAD INTERESTING RECORD

Was Army Surgeon, Colonel of Cavalry, Governor General of Cuba, and Special Ambassador to Argentine

Major-General Wood, who will be the speaker at the graduation exercise at the Central High School on June 18th, is now the commander of the Central Department with headquarters at Chicago. A few facts about his life may prove of interest to the students.

General Wood was born in Winchester, N. H., on October 6, 1860. He received his M. D. from Harvard and holds degrees from several other colleges. He entered the army from civil life as an assistant surgeon in 1886 and for his services in the campaign against the Indians that same year he was awarded the Congressional medal of Honor in 1898. At the beginning of the Spanish American War, he took a commission as Colonel of the first volunteer cavalry. He served through the war and was made a Brigadier General in the regular army. He was the governor general of the Island of Cuba from 1899 until 1902 when Cuba was turned back to the government of the people. He was in the Philippines from 1903 until 1908, serving in various capacities. General Wood was sent to Argentina as special ambassador in 1910 and on his return was made Chief of Staff which position he held until 1914. From 1914-1917 he was in command of the department of the East, and then was sent to Camp Funston in Kansas as commander of the 80th division.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS TO ELECT NEW MEMBERS

The George Washington University Medical Society met at the Medical School Saturday, May 17th at 8 o'clock.

Nominations and elections of officers and the election of members proposed at the April meeting took place. The president addressed the meeting which was followed by the usual smoker.

The results of the elections will be published next week as the Hatchet went to press too late to include it.

GRADUATION EVENTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Reception in Honor of Members of
Graduating Class at Rauchers—
Reception for Women Graduates by Columbian Women

The university will give a reception at Rauchers Tuesday, June 18, from 4 to 6 o'clock, in honor of members of the graduating classes. This reception given by the university is to take place of the reception annually given by the president.

Saturday, June 14, the Columbian Women will give a reception for the woman members of the graduating classes at the College Women's Club at 1822 Eye St. from five to seven o'clock. If the weather is fair the reception will be held in the garden. Other events which are to take place commencement week and which have already been announced are the University luncheon to be given Wednesday, June 18 at 1 o'clock in honor of the recipients of honorary degrees (people who want tickets, phone West 2127), the Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. Herbert Shipman at the Peace Cross, Washington Cathedral, and the Commencement exercises Wednesday, June 18.

SENIOR ENGINEERS ELECT OFFICERS

Officers for the graduating class in Engineering have been elected as follows: President, J. L. Lenovitz; vice president, J. H. Wilson; secretary, Lawrence Burton; treasurer, Roy H. Heald; editor, George Degnan; sergeant-at-arms, Gerber. Owing to the fact that all the members of the class could not get together, each man was asked to write his choice of officers on a slip of paper, the man getting the highest number of votes for an office being elected.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY HOLDS FINAL MEETING

The Engineering Society held its last meeting of the year on Monday night in the Physics Lecture Hall. A moving picture reel of unusual interest was shown. The reel showed the progress of the balloon service. Officers for next year were elected too late for publication. The Sphinx Honor Society served a substantial repast before the meeting.

Another Faculty Baby

Professor and Mrs. John H. Lapham have a fine new baby girl. We verify the rumor that the baby is a girl and thing it is safe this time for the sororities to begin rushing.

PROFESSOR NITOB SPEAKS ON JAPAN

Is Convinced That Japan Will Not
Hesitate to Join the League
of Nations.

Japanese questions as regards the progress of Japan in general, Japan's idea of democracy, the so-called injustice to China, and the massacre of the Koreans, were answered by Professor Inazo Nitobi, lecturer of Colonial policy and economic development at the Imperial University of Tokio, when he addressed an assembly of George Washington University students and friends at Concordia Church last Wednesday. He did not discuss these problems officially but personally.

"In 1854 Commodore Perry entered Japan and that nation opened its heart to the world and sought world knowledge. Townsend Harris, the first American minister, took no advantage of Japan's lack of worldliness for the benefit of his nation. Rather, he dealt in justice and with fair play. In this way, this eastern country learned its first international law.

"When a new emperor came to the throne in 1868, one of the main principles of his oath was that affairs would be managed by public opinion. In other words, there would be a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Many old and harmful laws were abolished; not without internal opposition. Some people say that Japan is too dangerously military to have any idea of democracy. There is no example in history of any other country, having had continuous peace for two hundred and fifty years. The reason for Japan's military preparation was fear of the onward press of the Russians, fear at the discovery of a plan by European powers for partition of Japan. Then it was that Japan began to systematize her military service, learned military tactics of the French and naval maneuvers of the English."

What Japan will do in regard to the League of Nations is not apparent. Professor Nitobi is convinced that when the scheme for world peace is really formed, Japan will not hesitate to join.

He anticipated the question as to whether Japan's conduct toward China was not inconsistent with that conviction.

"Japan is pledged to and will return whatever she gets from China at the earliest possible date," continued Professor Nitobi. "She will surprise the world by doing so, long before England and France return their possessions in the East. Japan has not taken very much of China. She has taken only a small portion of land, held by Germany and a seat of German propaganda. In three years, I believe the return will be made with China's permission for a Japanese settlement there.

"As to Korea, opinion of the majority is that the country is benefitted by Japanese government. There have been physical improvements. Bare mountains have been beautified and cultivated. Railroads have been built. Sanitation is improved. The Koreans are not ready for self government yet.

"What kind of people make a fuss, anyway? Rarely are all people in a (Continued on page 3)

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE CHAPEL SUBJECT

Former Students of G. W. U. Make Appeal for the Independence of Their Country.

Independence for the Philippine Islands was the topic of speeches made by Hon. Maximo M. Kalaw and Hon. Jose Santos, both members of the Filipino mission now in the United States, at the chapel services May 16. Hon. Maximo Kalaw received his A. B. degree from George Washington University in 1916 and was the winner of the Davis Prize Speaking Contest that year. Hon. Jose Santos graduated from the University Law School in 1909.

Hon. Jose Santos, the first speaker, stated that the Filipino mission brought to the United States the good will and gratitude of ten million Filipinos who felt unquestionable loyalty to the United States, which was proved beyond doubt during the war, by the oversubscription of their quota to the Liberty Loans, the raising of a volunteer Filipino Division, and their liberal contributions to the Red Cross and other war relief funds.

The prevalent idea that the Filipino people are uncivilized and unchristianized, Mr. Santos declared to be false. The Philippine Islands had been civilized three hundred years through the influence of Spain when taken over by the United States. They have a university twenty-five years older than Harvard University and only 600,000 of the entire population are not Christians.

The desire of the Filipino for independence is founded on the study of American principles as laid down by Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, whose love of freedom, justice and patriotism the Filipino has learned to admire. In asking for independence, Mr. Santos added, there is no show of ingratitude but merely a carrying out of the love of freedom in keeping with every principle of the American people. Mr. Santos refuted the argument that independence was not desired by the majority of his people by stating that the native press is unanimously in favor of independence, and that the Filipino mission is made up of statesmen, business men, and of young men, who represent the ideas of the young Filipino. Mr. Santos is himself president of an organization of young Filipinos who are graduates of American and European universities which declared itself unanimously in favor of independence.

Mr. Kalaw, the second speaker, stated that by the right of self-determination the Philippine Islands have a right to ask for independence but added that the promise of the United States Government passed in the Jones law which promise the Philippines independence as soon as a stable government should be formed was a more sacred covenant. This promise, Mr. Kalaw stated was the basis of understanding between the two countries. Mr. Kalaw compared the Philippine situation with that of Cuba when she elected a representative government acceptable to the United States and was given her independence. The speaker closed by saying that the present Philippine government is ever more stable than that of Cuba was when she received her independence.

NOTES OF THE MEDICAL JUNIORS

H. P. Ramsey has just returned from a business trip to New England. Nick Mendolos is to be an intern on the staff of the Washington Asylum Hospital this summer.

When it comes to prescription writing, the Juniors are certainly not there.

WHITMAN CELEBRATION TO BE HELD JUNE 2

Langdon E. Mitchell Will Deliver Address in Celebration of Poet's Hundredth Birthday.

The Walt Whitman celebration will be held June 2, in the G. W. U. Chapel at 12:15. Langdon E. Mitchell will deliver the address. The students are advised to come to chapel promptly, for, both the eminence of the speaker and the numerous devotees of the "good grey poet" in Washington prophesy a "full house."

May 31, 1919, will be the one hundredth anniversary of Walt Whitman's birth. The date for celebrating his memory was changed to June 2 because May 31 comes on Saturday and there are neither classes in the afternoon nor chapel on that day. Hence for the convenience of the Students, the time was changed to Monday.

There are two views of Walt Whitman. One is that held by the radical literary men abroad, and the other that of the conservatives in America, where Whitman is not considered as highly as he is in foreign countries, particularly England.

John Cowper Powys, the noted university extension lecturer and author upholds Walt Whitman. He believes that the "poet of bridges" expresses the true spirit of the new continent. With his English accent, his face on fire, his black hair standing on end, Mr. Powys thrills his audience to such an extent that they are willing to accept Walt Whitman as the greatest American poet.

Mr. Powys is an Englishman and a socialist. Therefore he has the continental affection for Walt Whitman. The people of the eastern continent have embraced Walt Whitman because he has broken away from the old classical ideas and has given a new medium for expression. In America we are more conservative. The majority of American scholars today believe in the old classical ideals in literature and look with a cold critical eye upon the free verse of Walt Whitman, and his followers, such as Amy Lowell and Alfred Kreymborg.

President Collier wisely chose for a speaker for the Whitman celebration not a radical like John Cowper Powys with his socialistic views, but a conservative like Langdon E. Mitchell.

George Washington was conservative in spite of the fact that he was a revolutionist. When he came to take a stand for a new government he took the best from the old and the good from the new.

G. W. U. like its patron saint, stands for a progressive conservatism. It believes in taking the best from the old but with a mind open to the good in the new. Therefore it is fitting that the Walt Whitman centenary should take place within the walls of G. W. U.

MEETING CALLED FOR COLUMBIAN SENIORS

A meeting of the Senior Class of Columbian College has been called by the president, Eugene Underwood, for Tuesday, May 20, at 8 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is the selection of class pins and it is urged that all members of the class be present.

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G. W. U. TENNIS TEAM TO MEET WESTERN HIGH

The second round of the boys tennis tournament has not yet been finished because of the large number of defaults. The results as they now stand are: Stewart vs. Campbell, Stewart 6-1, 6-4. Plumb vs. Pope, Pope 6-0, 6-0. Dubose vs. Tibbitts, Dubose 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Cross vs. Ladd, Ladd 6-1, 6-1. It is expected that the next round will be played off by Thursday. The mixed doubles will be started next week.

A letter has been received from Bradley, manager of the Western High School team, asking for a match. It has been agreed that four sets of doubles and three sets of singles will be played on the Western courts. Eight men will compose the George Washington team.

The girls have not finished the second round in their tournament. Anita Sanders and Barbara Hildreth are scheduled to play and E. Berg is to meet M. Duckett. Miss Dufour won from Miss Long with a score of 6-1, 6-0, and Miss Johnson won from Miss Earnest with a score of 6-4, 6-4. A doubles tournament is being planned.

The girls team belongs to the Women's Tennis League of the District and will play against seven other teams of that organization. There will be eight girls on the team although the personnel has not yet been decided.

PROFESSOR NATOBI SPEAKS ON JAPAN

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governed province perfectly satisfied with the rule of the mother country.

"Have just a little patience with Japan. It is a human organization. To err is human. Forget past mistakes and let there be mutual understanding. Things will come all right."

Commodore Perry's grandson was present in the uniform of a United States officer. As he tendered a vote of thanks, his words were, "A Japanese characteristic point of honor is to remember and appreciate any service. She will not forget what little kindness we have been able to show."

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ELECTED TO HON- ORARY FRATERNITY

Delta Sigma Rho Initiates Members of Intercollegiate Debate Teams

The George Washington University Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, the national oratorical and debating fraternity, initiated seven new members who had distinguished themselves in the recent intercollegiate debates with Swarthmore and Lafayette, on May 7. The initiates were Catherine Gayle, Carlton M. Randall, Joseph M. Bryant, Charles P. Swindler, Ellis W. Manning, Ollie R. McGuire and Herbert Hyde.

The ceremonies were attended by Stanley B. Houck of Minneapolis, the National President of Delta Sigma Rho, who gave a detailed history of the society.

Mr. Gilbert Hall, who has served as debating coach during the past debating season, succeeds Mr. Herbert W. Cornell as the chapter's delegate to the G. W. U. Debating Council.

TREATMENT OF STEEL ENGINEERING SUBJECT

At the meeting of the Engineering Society last night Mr. Howard Scott, of the Bureau of Standards, gave a talk on the Heat Treatment of Steel. Mr. Scott has traveled extensively through the steel mills of the North and is well qualified to speak on this subject.

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COLUMBIAN DEBATE

On Friday evening, May 9, at the regular meeting of the Columbian Debating Society, a negative team composed of Homer Hoyt, Clifford F. Stone, and Miss Pearl Crosby prevailed over an affirmative team composed of Joseph M. Bryant, Georg T. Motlow and Herbert W. Cornell, arguing the question of independence for the Philippines and Porto Rico.

The final meeting of the year was held last Friday night. The question debated was the proposal to restrict immigration for a period of five years after the war.

GAME POSTPONED

The base ball game between the Engineers and the Law School for the Departmental championship of George Washington University, scheduled for Saturday afternoon was postponed on account of rain.

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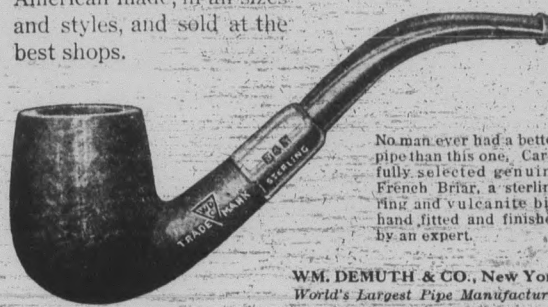
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The Greeks

SIGMA NU

The annual convention of the First Division was held last Saturday at the Chapter House, at 1739 P. street. Representatives from all the chapters of the division were present, which includes U. of Virginia, Washington and Lee U., U. of North Carolina, North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanics Arts, Delaware College, Maryland State College, and George Washington U.

Plans for the future work of Sigma Nu were discussed, after which lunch-

con was served at the Chapter House.

A classy banquet was given in the evening at the New Ebbitt by the Washington Alumni, under whose auspices the convention was held. The clever entertainment furnished meant a grand time for the many Sigs present.

Brothers Gessford and Sterling have returned to the active chapter. To those who know the valuable and valiant service rendered to their country by these two Sigs, it is superfluous to say the active chapter extended both hands in welcoming their return.

DELTA TAU DELTA

The Freshmen of Gamma Eta sprang a big surprise in their party given to the upper classmen on Saturday, the 10th of May. It was called the "Spotted Cow" and the whole affair was as original as the name. Brother Rocca decorated the house with cartoons and signs. The musicians entertained with a jig during intermission. There was more pep at this party than anything ever held at the house.

Brother Joe Schaaf had an unfortunate accident last week. A machine turned turtle with Joe underneath, nothing serious, however.

Brother John Scharf has bought a Ford. Well, John, that's a good be-

ginning.

The next house dance is scheduled for Friday, the 23d.

SIGMA CHI

Brother Tad Ruffner, Captain U. S. M. C., is back from service over seas.

Plans are going forward for a big smoker to be held on May 30 in honor of Sigs from other sections of the country.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA.

Brother Sam Shields is back from Fort Funston on a short furlough.

Brother Al Kenner, Major Medical Corps, has received the Distinguished Service Cross in addition to his Croix de Guerre.

Word has been received from Brother Wylie Borum, who is connected with the American Legation at Stockholm, that he expects to be granted a short leave of absence soon and pay us a visit.

Brother H. H. Wetzel, Superintendent of the Liberty Iron Works of Sacramento, paid us a short visit the other day.

Brother J. A. Hobson has been assigned to shore duty in Washington after fifteen months duty as skipper of a subchaser.

THETA DELTA CHI

"Dets" Marthinson has been forced to return to Walter Reed Hospital for ear treatment. "Dets" suffered shell concussion in his right ear while serving with the trench mortars in the St. Michiel drive.

"Stack" Ash breezed into the house last Sunday. How is the air up where you are, Stack?

Chi Deuts will attend the Theta Delta Chi convention 100 per cent strong. It will be held in Philadelphia on June 26, and plans are being made for the Washington chapter to charter a car for the trip.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON

The afternoon of Sunday, May 11, seemed to clear up especially to make things pleasant for the Mother's Day Tea. Mothers and sisters of the members of D. C. Alpha Chapter had been invited and it is only regretted that all were not able to be present. A short musical program consisting of vocal selections and piano recitals was enjoyed by all present. "Chatter," supplemented by a royal outlay of eats, helped to pass the time pleasantly.

D. C. Alpha Chapter announces the marriage of Brother Robert H. Johnson to Rosemary Truxall on May 5. Both are of this city. Brother Johnson attended the School of Pharmacy until the formation of the S. A. T. C. which he joined last fall.

CHI OMEGA

Chi Omega gave a supper in the rooms on Monday evening.

The engagement of Mabel Hubbard to Lieutenant Sutherland, Ordnance Corps, is announced.

Ada Howell spent the week end in New York.

Florence Goldworthy spent a week in New York and Philadelphia.

Katherine Willey's birthday was last week.

PI BETA PHI

Pi Beta Phi entertained the patronesses and mothers of the girls at a tea in the chapter room on Tuesday, May 13.

SIGMA KAPPA

Miss Nona Pollner and Miss Elva Coughlin spent Sunday in New York.

A crowd of Sigma Kappas took in the circus Monday night.

WHAT IS IT?

A new organization has sprung up—over night as it were, whether a fraternity, a sorority, a club or a clique no one knows. But certain of the students have appeared with a small pin, a circle in white on the vest and so far evaded all inquiries as to what it means. The information has leaked out that it is the official emblem, pin, badge or insignia of "Tri Sig." What "Tri Sig." is or proposes to be, what its avowed aim or purpose is, still lies in the dark unknown.

Several pledges are around—if the entwined hearts of blue are symbolic of pledges.

Students well known here at school have expressed the opinion that the members, whoever they may be, are a bunch of nuts, unbecomingly cracked-brained-fishes and jealous perhaps of the secrets and mysteries which they themselves may not know, have condemned, mentally, the whole gang to a cruel existence in the famous rest resort of St. Elizabeth.

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ELECTIONS

There is a letter in the forum this issue advocating more active campaigning in the Student Council elections. The writer suggests that each candidate make a stump speech giving his ideas on the work of the council or to have such a speech printed in The Hatchet so that it will reach all students.

This suggestion is a good one and worth following up. The present system of distributing ballots is open to many objections. The student may or may not know the candidate and he knows nothing about the candidate's ability or his qualifications for office. The present system is unfair both to the students and the candidate. The student votes unintelligently and the candidate is elected without the full assurance that the student body is behind him.

Next year the candidates should prepare speeches for printing and should address voters at rally meetings in each department. In this way the students would know just where their votes would be of most value and it would be possible for them to keep in closer touch with the body governing student activities.

Professor John Ise of Kansas University has proposed a plan to improve scholarship in the University and afford more scholarships for its disposal. His plan is to levy a tax on all C and D students. A and B students being exempt. The money received from such a tax would do to found scholarships for poorer and more industrious students.

The thought of being penalized, however lightly, for poor grades would induce inefficient and lazy students to take more interest in the real object sought at a university. Would this be a possible plan for a student activities tax? Think about it.

YOUR PROFESSORS

Some students, especially freshmen, are exceedingly apt to adopt the "teach me if you can" attitude toward some or all of their professors. This idea is of course entirely erroneous. It is safe to say that any student with this attitude toward the faculty isn't going to get much out of his university work.

Meet your professors half way. They are going to try to teach you what you ought to know but unless you evince some amount of interest in the work they probably won't care much whether you learn or not. If, for instance you make a habit of going to sleep in lectures, the professor will probably wake you up for the first few times, but if the slumbering practice is continued he will probably let you sleep on and take the consequences.—Purdue Exponent.

THE FORUM

May 15, 1919.

Dear Miss Prentiss:

At the last meeting of Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi it was voted to offer a prize of \$10.00 to the writer of the school song, which is to be accepted as the best of those submitted to the Student Council in the competition now being conducted by them. This prize of \$10.00 will be awarded to the writer of the song adjudged the best by the authorities chosen by the Student Council.

Very truly yours,
W. PRESTON HAYNES.

May 13, 1919.

Editor The Hatchet:

Monday noon I was handed a card with five names on it and asked to vote for three. One of the five was a personal friend, another I knew by sight, and I knew practically nothing about the rest.

My predicament is worth considering because it may be that of many others. I do not believe that I could vote with intelligence, for my acquaintance because I was biased in his favor without any knowledge of his qualifications as a student councilor. As for the others, I was in the position of a jury before the trial. I was unprejudiced but ignorant of the facts.

I think the remedy for this is a written or extemporaneous stump speech delivered by each candidate, telling what he or she intends to do in the Student Council and his qualifications for doing it or something else equally to the point.

If this were put into effect the puzzled writer of this letter would sit comfortably in Dean Wilbur's class room some noon or evening and hear from the candidates enough to enable him to vote intelligently and to take a hand in shaping the policies of our student government.

This would make for democracy in truth as well as appearance. Instead of the empty power of voting for persons who represent nothing, we will be able to choose between issues by our selection of councilors and thus assist in the work of the council. We would likewise have a way of knowing what the Student Council was going to do. If it is going to do nothing or has done nothing we will have an interesting time listening to explanations.

In order that we may have a lively and really significant election next year, I move that those who are elected this year take this up in the Student Council. How many second me? Those who do please do a little agitating when the opportunity offers itself.

GEORGE S. HASTINGS.

GET AHEAD OF TIME

"There is a time for everything," so we read in an old, old book long ago. What a wonderful state of affairs that would be! A time to study, a time to play, a time to read the new book you have been wanting to read, and a time to call on the friend so long neglected. Will the student ever attain that happy condition? Not until that most pernicious of all campus thieves—the time stealer—is eradicated.

"I could manage my work beautifully if only I didn't lose so much time," is a cry heard on every hand. Some one makes an appointment with you and keeps you waiting twenty minutes or maybe does not come at all. A teacher comes in nine and a half minutes late to class. An entertainment begins thirty minutes later than scheduled and you waste a good half hour's study. Because of these robberies, certain verses in the good book are in danger of becoming obsolete. Along with the other lessons we are learning, let us get the one of promptness.—Exchange.

You never realize how dearly you have paid for your whistle until you try to sell it.

COLLEGE FLAPPERS

(The profundity of their discourse and the grandeur of their diction are ample evidence of the culture and refinement which they have imbibed from their college studies.)

Miss G—Oh, I didn't do a thing in French, and I know he'll call on me. He always does, whenever I am not prepared. I got Dutch luck.

Miss B—I'll let you use my book; it's all marked up. I bought a second hand copy and I haven't done a French lesson this whole term. I hope—

Miss N (interrupting)—There he is. Miss G—Who?

Miss N—The professor. He's going to class. I better follow along.

Miss B—Wait a minute. Let me look you over. You're all dressed up. U-um-m, crepe de chine waist, fancy slippers, and, my, what an "awfully cute" hat you got. I'd like to try it on.

Miss N—You'd look better than I do in it. It would fit you fine.

(She does not mean a word she says, but she has studied "How not to be yourself," known in the curriculum as Science of Behavior, and new sincerity is as far removed from her character as she is from Mars.)

Miss G—There goes Helen and that short, light-haired feller. You see them together an awful lot. He's very clever, knows all about the Bolsheviks and everything.

Miss N—Oh, I don't care for him; he isn't a bit nice. I wouldn't want him around me.

(Her remarks are prompted by jealousy; it's part of every flapper's nature.)

Miss B—How'd you make out in that exam?

Miss N—Oh, yes; you know I told you I hadn't looked at a book for "ages."

(Note the hyperbole. You can tell she has studied rhetoric.)

Well, I borrowed Betty's notes and looked them over. I made out fine on the exam. I guess I'll get an A.

(She is true to type—the chief characteristic of a flapper being to sponge on others.)

Miss G—Gee, you're lucky. I have to prepare a paper for my history class. I don't know when I'm going to do it. You know how it is. This week I have to go to my dressmaker's and Billy is coming over with a souvenir "Heinie helmet," and we have a sorority supper and I have "loads" of other important things which I simply must do. Ain't it awful?

(She looks appealingly at N.)

Miss N—Who have you got in history?

Miss G—Professor Pastivents. Miss N—Well, when I took his course, I handed in an essay I wrote up in "High" and got away with it. You try it; he never looks them over anyway.

(Flappers are very resourceful. They have to be, for they are constantly face to face with the inexorable law of survival.)

Miss G—That's a fine idea! I'll look through my stuff at home, though I don't remember ever doing anything like it in high school. You know, I always have hated history. I wouldn't have taken any now, only the Dean said I need it to graduate.

Miss B (Glances around and notices that almost all students have disappeared from the campus)—I guess the bell rang. What time is it, I wonder?

Miss N (looks at her wrist watch)—Oh, my; it's 5.20. We better go to class.

(This same wrist watch she received as a prize from one of the sororities for best scholarship in first year work. And still you say conscientious study is not rewarded. Say so no more.)

And so the flappers run off, each in a different direction, but all three will interrupt the orderly procedure of classes which began ten minutes ago.

FRESHMAN LAW CLASS
CLAIMS COUNCIL ELECTION
PLAN UNDEMOCRATIC

Wants Method of Election Made Public—Do Not recommend Compulsory Tax.

The meeting of the First Year Law Class, held last Friday night, proved to be one of the warmest meeting of the year, although attended by not more than fifty members.

The question of the compulsory tax was brought up, and a motion made to have the class go on record as favoring a \$5 tax. Mr. McGuire, speaking against the tax, stressed the point that the student body of the Law School was different from that of the average American University, the students composing our law school being more interested in the knowledge they were here to acquire and not having time to participate in the gayer sides of the regular undergraduate life. He called attention to the fact that a great number of the students of G. W. U. Law School were college graduates, had spent their undergraduate days in other colleges, and had paid for their pleasure when they wanted it. He did not feel that it would be fair to make them pay the tax now, when because of the force of circumstances they could not derive the benefits of it.

One of the members when learning that the tax was recommended by the student Council, made a motion to table the tax question as recommended by the Council until some method could be devised for nominating the members of the Council that would insure the Council being representative of the student body as a whole and not of certain political cliques. Quite a heated discussion arose. It was charged that the present method of nominating the council was undemocratic, that the student body was in ignorance of method of nomination, and that it tended to have the Council controlled by a clique instead of the student body as a whole. By a large majority the class voted not to favor a tax until the class was permitted to add some nominations to the list already nominated. The class then went into convention and nominated several members, including some of those already nominated.

The class does not expect that next year's Council will be truly representative, but they do hope that through their protest this year a more democratic method of nominating candidates will be arrived at in future years.

INTER-FRATERNITY PULLS
OFF BIG DANCE

The annual inter-fraternity dance came off in fine style at Wardman Park last Friday night. Jazzy music, big eats, and slews—just slews—of pretty girls, made things hop!

The big ball room was hung with banners of all the fraternities and was a blaze of color. Each fraternity was well represented. Some by at least twenty couples.

There were at least two hundred couples present in all.

The patrons were:
Dean and Mrs. Hodgkins;
Dean and Mrs. Ruediger;
Dean and Mrs. Ferson;
Dr. and Mrs. Hunter.

LET'S GO!

(Tune: Chorus of Over There.)

S. prepare; so prepare,
Every night, by the light, in your lair,
For Exams, are coming, Exams, are coming,
You can feel th' straightning of your hair;
And beware, miss th' snare,
Do not shirk, do your work, anywhere,
We'll be brigh-ter, and our heads lighter,
When the last Exam, like smoke, fades in the air.

USE YOUR COLLEGE PAPER

We print this editorial from the Daily Kansan, because we believe it applies equally well to The Hatchet and George Washington students.

"Varying opinions arise from day to day over events affecting University life. Bright ideas crop out among every group of people and especially they pop up suddenly from a large number of students who are all bound together by common interests. The ideas of a few come to the surface and are given circulation, but the greater part of these witty, snappy real things are buried and do not find a larger audience than a small group.

"The University Daily Kansan is a publication for the students of the college. It has been trying to represent the best interests of every man or woman on the hill. It holds open every day a space on the editorial page, Campus Opinion. It invites you to contribute to this column.

"The Kansan is your paper. It invites criticisms, suggestions, and ideas from every student. Make use of your paper."—Daily Kansan.

DR. MORTON SPEAKS
AT CHAPEL

Tells of Serbia During the War

Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton, who has been in Serbia during the greater part of the war, doing relief work there, spoke to the students in the regular Chapel services on Monday. She has been decorated in honor of the service she gave to the Serbian people by the Serbian Government.

Dr. Morton was introduced by Dr. Mitchell Carroll of the faculty. She said that although most of the glory has gone to Belgium for holding the Germans back ten days, Serbia held back the German hoard seventeen months. In this way Serbia was the key to the East through a back door through the Mediterranean and Egypt. She made the striking statement that Germany had 100,000 armed men in the Mississippi Valley ready to attack the eastern coast by land, provided she broke through the allied lines and reached here by water. She also said that Germany had spent a million dollars in carrying on German propaganda in Mexico.

COUNCIL RETURNS
NEXT WEEK

The ballots for the new councilmen for next year are being counted. The result will be announced next week. The balloting closed Saturday night and up to that time the council members were receiving votes.

IF YOU MUST CRITICISE
USE HELPFUL CRITICISM

Constructive criticism is an art—an accomplishment worth all—the time and effort spent to acquire it. Criticism that may not be turned to some real value is worthless and proves but a waste of breath for the one who makes it.

Nowhere in George Washington is constructive criticism so absolutely forgotten as in the student remarks about The Hatchet.

Without first appraising themselves of the difficulties the staff of The Hatchet has had to meet without finding out that work under such circumstances is rather hard—the students go ahead and knock and sling mud without restraint.

If you don't like the way The Hatchet is run, or don't like anything else about it, write a letter to the editor, stating your objections and suggesting a remedy, but only such a remedy as conditions will make possible.

Staff is not kicking because you complain. That is the staff's due. But what the staff wants is for you to make your criticism of some value.

The staff is glad to have constructive criticism always, but when the other kind comes rolling in, it begins to roll up its sleeves—and then look out.